

REMARKS

Claims 32-64 are pending. Claims 32-62 have been amended as suggested in the Office action to address all the objections under Section 112, and to ensure proper dependencies. The Examiner's assumptions as to dependency as stated on page 2 of the Office action are correct. Claims 63 and 64 have been added. Support for claim 63 is in prior claim 45. Support for claim 64 is found, for example, in paragraph 40, which refers to a treatment to increase strength in a step which is subsequent to step S1's application of the membrane layer to the substrate.

In view of the foregoing amendments, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections under Section 112 and of the other objections stated in the Office action.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicant requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all of claims 32 through 64.

Respectfully submitted,

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